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ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1272

**Introduced by Assembly Member Hill
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Ammiano)**

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Section 1798.161 of, and to add Section 1797.259 to, the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1272, as amended, Hill. Emergency medical services: trauma center: helicopter landing pad.

Existing law, the Emergency Medical Services System and Prehospital Emergency Medical Care Personnel Act, establishes the Emergency Medical Services Authority within the California Health and Human Services Agency to, among other things, provide statewide coordination of county emergency medical service programs, including, but not limited to, designated trauma centers, and to administer the Trauma Care Fund.

This bill would require a local emergency medical service to include within its trauma system plan the provision of air transport of trauma patients to, and between, trauma centers, if the local emergency medical service agency elects to implement a trauma system. The bill would make conforming changes.

This bill would also prohibit a city, county, or city and county from disapproving an application for a permit to build a heliport or helipad upon the property of a general acute care hospital until after the local EMS agency prepares a report that describes the health and safety impacts of the heliport or helipad upon the local area and surrounding region and the city council or board of supervisors reviews this report.

By increasing the duties of local officials, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

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This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: ~~no~~-yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1797.259 is added to the Health and
- 2 Safety Code, immediately following Section 1797.258, to read:
- 3 1797.259. (a) A local EMS agency that elects to implement a
- 4 trauma system shall include, within its trauma system plan,
- 5 provisions for air transport of trauma patients to, and between,
- 6 trauma centers.
- 7 (b) A city, county, or city and county shall not disapprove an
- 8 application for a permit to build a heliport or helipad upon the
- 9 property of a general acute care hospital until after the local EMS
- 10 agency prepares a report that describes the health and safety
- 11 impacts of the heliport or helipad upon the local area and
- 12 surrounding region and the city council or county board of
- 13 directors reviews this report in a public meeting.
- 14 SEC. 2. Section 1798.161 of the Health and Safety Code is
- 15 amended to read:

1798.161. (a) The authority shall submit draft regulations specifying minimum standards for the implementation of trauma care systems to the commission on or before July 1, 1984, and shall adopt the regulations on or before July 1, 1985. These regulations shall provide specific requirements for the care of trauma cases and shall ensure that the trauma care system is fully coordinated with all elements of the existing emergency medical services system. The regulations shall be adopted as provided in Section 1799.50, and shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:

(1) Prehospital care management guidelines for triage and transportation of trauma cases.

(2) Transportation of trauma patients to, and between, trauma centers by ground and air ambulance.

(3) Flow patterns of trauma cases and geographic boundaries regarding trauma and nontrauma cases.

(4) The number and type of trauma cases necessary to assure that trauma facilities will provide quality care to trauma cases referred to them.

(5) The resources and equipment needed by trauma facilities to treat trauma cases.

(6) The availability and qualifications of the health care personnel, including physicians and surgeons, treating trauma cases within a trauma facility.

(7) Data collection regarding system operation and patient outcome.

(8) Periodic performance evaluation of the trauma system and its components.

(b) The authority may grant an exception to a portion of the regulations adopted pursuant to subdivision (a) upon substantiation of need by a local EMS agency that, as defined in the regulations, compliance with that requirement would not be in the best interests of the persons served within the affected local EMS area.

SEC. 3. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.

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